

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◇ **One in every four women** will experience domestic violence in her lifetime.¹ **One in 33 men** have experienced an attempted or completed rape.²
- ◇ An estimated **1.3 million women** are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year.³
- ◇ The majority (73%) of family violence victims are female. Females were 84% of spousal abuse victims and 86% of abuse victims at the hands of a boyfriend.⁴
- ◇ The cost of intimate partner violence **exceeds \$5.8 billion each year**, \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services.⁵
- ◇ Boys who witness domestic violence are **twice as likely** to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.⁶

CHALLENGES

- The Department of Social Services, which provides most of the social programs for domestic violence victims is severely underfunded. This has a direct impact for programs and services that are available for victims in South Dakota.⁷
- Many Native women do not have feasible access to domestic and sexual violence services in the state. Some Native women may not report domestic violence because they believe nothing can be done.⁸

STATEMENTS FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS

"We find that this year's attention to the plight of Native women on the reservations in South Dakota has laid the groundwork for continued progress against violence against all South Dakota women, and we look forward to furthering the work our founders started."

-Director, SDCADVSA

"I think it's very important that we have our own Native-based shelter that is run by Native staff because we are the only ones who truly understand our culture. The Native people are very connected. I believe individuals from the same community understand one another better than outsiders."

-Director, Sacred Circle⁸

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IN SOUTH DAKOTA

- Over 6,700 women in South Dakota reported being victims of domestic violence in 2004.⁹
- There were 2,102 domestic assault arrests in South Dakota in 2004.¹⁰
- 362 forcible rapes were reported in South Dakota in 2005.¹¹
- As of July 1, 2005, 15% of all inmates in South Dakota state prisons were serving time for sex offenses.¹²
- 9 homicides occurred as a result of domestic violence in 2006.¹³

STATE RESOURCES

The South Dakota Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
www.SouthDakotaCoalition.org

- ◇ The Coalition works for the societal changes necessary to eliminate violence against women and their children in South Dakota. It is a state coalition consisting of 18 autonomous shelter programs and 6 satellite programs across the state. These programs provide a variety of services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault including emergency shelter, legal advocacy, counseling, professional training and technical assistance.¹⁴

The South Dakota Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault
www.sdnafvsa.com

- ◇ The Network is a state-level non-profit agency that provides technical assistance, support, education and advocacy training to the public concerning the prevention and elimination of domestic and sexual violence.¹⁵

For more information or to get help, please contact the
 South Dakota Domestic Abuse Hotline at
1-800-430-SAFE

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE
 The National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE

Domestic Violence in South Dakota



Indian Nations have always held Women as Sacred. Here are some achievements that reflect the activities of the past few years and impact victims of violence in South Dakota.¹⁶

- June 18, 2003 – NCAI Membership adopts by unanimous consent Resolution #PHX-03-034 supporting reauthorization of the VAWA 2005 and establishes NCAI Taskforce on Violence Against Women.
- February 23, 2004 – NCAI and Sacred Circle Capitol Hill Reception. Wiping of the Tears Ceremony is held at the Hart Senate Office Building.
- January 5, 2005 – VAWA 2005, Title IX. Safety for Indian Women signed into law by President Bush.
- September 19, 2006 – OVW conducts first Consultation on the Safety of Indian Women.
- October 4, 2006 – NCAI Task Force receives Harvard Honoring Tribal Nations Award.
- October 30, 2006 – Lorraine Edmo hired as Deputy Director Tribal Affairs, Violence Against Women Office.



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NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Every Home A Safe Home

The Public Policy Office of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) is a national leader in the effort to create and influence Federal legislation that positively affects the lives of domestic violence victims and children. We work closely with advocates at the local, state and national level to identify the issues facing domestic violence victims, their children and the people who serve them and to develop a legislative agenda to address these issues. NCADV welcomes you to join us in our effort to end domestic violence.